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"AN ACT EXPANDING THE DEDUCT-A-RIDE PROGRAM."

- 1 After line 7, insert the following:
- 2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2002) (a) For the purposes of this
- 3 section:
- 4 (1) "Civic facility" means any state or local government office or
- 5 facility, including, but not limited to, a school, transportation facility,
- 6 library, recreational center or open space or place of public
- 7 accommodation including a private facility that generates high
- 8 pedestrian activity levels;
- 9 (2) "Pedestrian and bicycle safety plan" means a strategic plan,
- 10 adopted, ratified or otherwise accepted by the state or any political
- 11 subdivision thereof that identifies pedestrian demand areas, existing
- 12 pedestrian facilities, pedestrian hazards, barriers to pedestrian
- 13 circulation and level of accessibility with both short-term and long-
- 14 term recommendations for the modification of roadways and
- 15 pedestrian facilities so as to improve pedestrian circulation, increase

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- 16 accessibility and minimize pedestrian hazards;
- 17 (3) "Pedestrian facilities" means walkways, including, but not 18 limited to, sidewalks, highway shoulders, walking or hiking trails, 19 shared use paths, pedestrian grade separations, crosswalks or other 20 improvements provided for the benefit of pedestrian travel;
 - (4) "Pedestrian hazard" means a hazard resulting from prolonged exposure to high traffic volume or speed that may be evidenced by accident or injury rates which exceed the predicted rate;
 - (5) "Pedestrian safety construction program" means a program that reduces pedestrian hazards through the improvement or new construction of pedestrian facilities; and
 - (6) "Traffic calming" means the combination of primarily physical measures designed to reduce the speed of vehicular traffic, alter driver behavior and improve conditions for nonmotorized street users, including, but not limited to, the reconstruction of roadways or intersections, the reconfiguration of sidewalks or curbs, the construction of elevated crosswalks or intersections or the installation of pavement markings delineating travel lanes.
 - (b) Any moneys received or designated for expenditure by the state pursuant to the Hazard Elimination Program under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, or its successor, 23 USC 152, shall be credited to the Special Transportation Fund established under section 13b-68 of the general statutes. Such moneys shall be expended as follows: (1) Not less than fifteen per cent of the required expenditure of such moneys by the state pursuant to said program shall be expended on facilities for pedestrians or other nonmotorized means of transportation, including (A) the provision of municipal grants-in-aid for the implementation of pedestrian facilities and traffic calming in areas of high pedestrian demand; (B) the provision of support and assistance to municipalities or metropolitan planning organizations developing and implementing pedestrian safety construction programs; and (C) expenditures that reflect the needs identified by

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municipalities or metropolitan planning organizations in their pedestrian or bicycle safety plans; and (2) not less than eighty-five per cent of such funds allocated under this subsection shall be expended on construction projects to increase the safety of pedestrians or other nonmotorized means of transportation in areas adjacent to civic facilities with high rates of pedestrian traffic."